

The county has limited evacuation routes due to its rural location with the only significant roads to exit the county being State Routes 341 and 342, Interstate 80, U.S. Highway 50, and DSR 79 (Six Mile Canyon) is also an evacuation route out to highway 50.

<u>Storey County has planned</u> for evacuation needs for all districts of the County...Virginia City, Mark Twain, Highlands and the River District areas.

This is a brief overview of those plans and procedures.

**Evacuation from the areas** is intended to move residents and visitors out of the specific areas that may be effected. Sheltering may be of two kinds...either moving people to shelters or requiring them to "shelter in place" by staying where they are, inside, closing windows, doors and moving to an inner room in the structure. If such is the case you will be so notified.

#### **VIRGINIA CITY DISTRICT:**

Evacuation from Virginia City is via one or more of three routes. Either towards Reno on Highway 341; towards Carson City on Highways 341 or 342; and towards Lyon County through Six Mile Canyon (DSR 79).

Sheltering may be either "in place" as noted above or to either the Storey County High School on R Street or the Elementary or Middle Schools on D Street.

### **HIGHLANDS DISTRICT:**

Evacuation brochures for your district have been made available to all residents over the past years. They are available at Fire Station 1 as well. Routes out of the Highlands are designated as Lousetown or Cartwright Roads.

Sheltering for Highlands residents is designated in the brochures depending on the Highlands zone you reside and where the incident may be effecting. Shelters may either be in Virginia City at the High School or at the bottom of Geiger Grade at Damonte High School.

#### MARK TWAIN DISTRICT:

Evacuation brochures are also available for this district and are available at Fire Station 1. There are a number of routes available out of the Mark Twain District such as Six Mile out to Highway 50 or LaFond out to 50 as well.

Sheltering, if not "in place", will be out to one of the Lyon County schools such as the Dayton Highschool.

## RIVER DISTRICT (LOCKWOOD / TRI)

Evacuation brochures are available and have been previously sent out to all residents in the area. Routes out of the area are either to the West into Reno or to the East to Fernley via I-80 depending upon the nature of the problem or reason for the evacuation.

Sheltering in the Reno/Sparks area is arranged for the Al Sorensen Community Center in Sparks. Arrangements to the east into Fernley are in process of completing.

1 EAS through KOH (780) AM radio in Reno.

# 2. City Watch Notification System (reverse 911) program throughout Storey County

Storey County subscribes to what is commonly referred to as a "reverse 911" call system. This system is used to telephone residents and relay emergency information of all types from extreme weather problems, natural disasters, floods, fires, etc. This system is based on a computer system that calls telephones in particular geographic areas of the county. It then plays a recorded message that is recorded at the time we prepare the specific message for transmission to the public.

Two issues to be considered with this system — availability of electric utility power and whether or not your phone is entered into the system. All ATT phones are so entered and you can enter your cell phone or satellite phone (Highlands folks) to receive the calls also. To do this you must call the Storey County Communications Department (dispatch center) at 847-0950 and provide them the information. You could have your business phone, home phone and all family cell phones entered onto the system but you must make contact to have that done.

3. Comstock Community cable television system (Virginia City only) EAS

This system provides notifications over your television but only if you are a subscriber to the Comstock Community Television Cable system.

4. Rainbow Bend community television

Emergency messages relating specifically to the Rainbow Bend area can be placed on the RB community television cable system.

5. National Weather Service EAS system

The National Weather Service has the ability to broadcast emergency alert messages via their system.

6. Storey County official web page and click on Breaking News www.storeycounty.org

The Storey County official county web page has a section called Breaking News upon which we will generally place any important notifications relating to emergencies in and around the Storey County environs. Go to www.storeycounty.org and click on the breaking news section on the right side of the page.

7. Public Information Officers

Official information releases will be made to the news media, radio and television in the event of such need.

8. Sheriff's Department vehicles with loudspeakers:

This is another method for making notifications of emergencies or evacuations. Heed whatever instructions that might be made using this method.

There is no guarantee that every single citizen can be contacted every time as glitches can and will occur. However, these are eight methods that the county has available to quickly and efficiently notify large sections of the Storey County population.